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1. The Wheel Set Factory (Radsatzfabrik Ilsenburg, SAG Transmasch, is located in Ilsenburg/Harz. The plant produces wheel sets of Russian gauge and special wheel sets for various purposes. The axle blanks of the various types of wheel sets are supplied by the Krupp-Gruson SAG plant, the wheel disks by the VEB Railroad Car plant in Goerlitz (O 52/B 00), and the ball bearings are imported from the West.* The monthly production averages 1,000 wheel sets. In August 1951, the Soviets did not accept 300 wheel sets, which then had to be scrapped, thus causing the wage funds to be overdrawn by 40,000 east marks.
2. Expansion work on the plant was started in September 1951. The new machines required are being supplied by the Niles Werke in Chemnitz (N51/K66).**
3. About 450 workers are employed in the plant. Six hundred additional workers will be employed in the expanded plant. The Soviet general manager Kevra, (fnu), has been in Germany for about four months. The German department chief, Wilhelm Tesch, resides on the Buchbergstrasse in Ilsenburg. Tesch lived in the U.S.S.R. for eight and a half years and attended the Central School of the Communist Party. He is a fanatic SED member. A Rumanian national, Konstantin Poljakow, acts as interpreter.
4. The plant is guarded by the German plant militia, headed by Schwarzbach (fnu).

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- * Comment: The Krupp-Gruson SAG Plant is probably the Krupp-Gruson, Nebenwerk, in Ilsenburg/Harz. The VEB Railroad Car plant in Goerlitz is presumably the Lova Waggonbau Goerlitz, Brunnenstrasse 11.

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- ** Comment: The reported plant is the former Kloeckner Plant in Ilsenburg which became an SAG plant after its expropriation. The VEB Niles Werke is in Siegmar-Schoenau (N51/K55) near Chemnitz and produces high capacity machine tools.

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